promulgated by the President on the 25th May, 1994."

The motion was negatived.

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त: सदर साहिबा, गवर्नमेंट का एट्टीट्यूड निहायत ही अनडेमोक्रेटिक है और यह हिन्दुस्तान और खासतौर से दिल्ली के लोगों के साथ निहायत ज्यादती कर रहे है। इसलिये हम इसकी मज्जमत करते है और प्रोटेस्ट के तौर पर वाकआउट करते हैं।

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय: यह लोकतंत्र की हया है।

(At this stage some hon. Members left the chamber)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I shall now put the motion moved by Shri S.B. Chavan to vote ...*(Interruptions)* Order.

The questions is:

"That the Bill to provide for the establishment of the New Delhi Municipal Council and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The motion was negatived.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration.

Clauses 2 to 419 were added to the Bill.

The Schedules 1 to 10 were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI S.B. CHAVAN: Madam, I move:

"That the Bill be passed."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE LOK SABHA

(I) The Anti-Hijacking (Amendment) Bill, 1994.

(II) The Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against Safety of Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill, 1994.

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Madam, I beg to report to the House the following messages received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:—

(I)

"In accordance with the provision of rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to inform you that Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on the 14th June, 1994, agreed without any amendment to the Anti-Hijacking (Amendment) Bill, 1994, which was passed by Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 5th May, 1994."

(II)

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to inform you that Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on the 14th June, 1994, agreed without any amendment to the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against Safety of Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill, 1994, which was passed by Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 5th May, 1994."

VALEDICTORY REMARKS

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Memebrs, today is the last day of a very long long Session and a very very short sitting. As the Session was very long, the sitting was very short. The Session started on the 21st February and today it is 15th June. We had two very long holidays and we worked for 250 hours in 38 sittings. When we read it on the last day, we realised how hard-working we are. We had 111 Reports of the Standing Committees, which were placed on the

Table of the House. Last year we had constituted these Committees and 111 Reports have come. Chairman of all the Committees, both of the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha have done a very good work along with their Members. We had two Calling Attention and two Short Duration discussions on two very important issues. One was about the GATT and the other about sugar, which was discussed yesterday. There were 16 Statements by the Ministers and 213 Special Mentions. There were many very very Special Mentions in the Zero Hour and many associations and dissociations. We had five Ministries discussed in the Session. It is for the first time that we had such a large number of Ministries discussed. This is a record. We had two very important Resolutions passed from the House—one, to condemn the activities of Pakistan in supporting the subversive and terrrorist activities and the other, to congratulate the long-awaited anti-Apareid duly elected Government in South Africa. We were also very proud that the hon. Chairman of this House the Vice-President of the country, on behalf of the Government of India, attended the swearing-in ceremony.

This year we had the composition of the Rajya Sabha changed, because 57 Members retired and came back to the House. Some new Members came and some old Members came. While I am mentioning this over here, on the 1st of July three very valuable, very friendly and very good contributing Members of this House will be retiring. They are: Mr. M.M. Jacob, Mr. Sreedharan and Mr. E. Balanandan. I am sure the House is going to miss them very much, their contributions and their presence. I had an opportunity to work with Mr. M.M. Jacob, both as the Parliamentary Affairs Minister, when the Congress was in the Government and also as the Chief Whip of the Congress, when the Congress Party was in the Opposition. Many of you may not remember that when I resigned from the Deputy Chairmanship in 1986, he was elected as Deputy Chairman and he was sitting on this Chair also. We would miss you, Jacob Sahib, very much, but your contributions in the House will be always remembered.

Mr. Sreedharan worked with me in the Committee of Privileges, which I chaired. Mr Balanandan, I believe, is coming back. So, I wish you Jacob Sahib all the best for a very very happy future. You and other Members should not think that they would not be coming into this Chamber. You would always be coming to meet us. We hope you will have many more avenues and better opportunities.

We had three new Members on our Panel of Vice-Chairmen. There were both new Members and old Members, two lady Members, one gentleman from the Opposition and the other Members who have been there before. They worked very hard helping us in the House in running this House. While they were in the Chair, they behaved very well. It does not mean that they did not behave very well when they were not in the Chair.

I had the greatest cooperation from the Parliamentary Affairs Minister, from the Leader of the House, the Leader of the Opposition, who is not here, and the other leaders and everybody in conducting this business. I thank the Chairman, I thank all of you. I thank the Staff, who have been very cooperative. I also thank all the leaders of various parties and groups, who helped us to run this Session so well and everyone who is connected in running the Rajya Sabha well either in front of the scene or behind the scene. I take this opportunity to thank them and wish all of them a very happy intersession period. I hope that we do not have to come back again in between for a short session. Let us have a good rest until we meet in the monsoon session.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): Press also.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Definitely Pressmen also.

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): Madam Deputy Chairperson, in fact, the last item of today's Legislative business has been rather acrimonious. In spite of that I thought that this being a symbolic thing, at least, the Leader of the Opposition would come back and say a few words thanking each other and creating an atmosphere of amity and understanding in this House on the last day. The debates go on; a number of things are mentioned. They play their role. We as the Government also will have to play our role. But that doesn't mean that the kind of atmosphere which we expect should not prevail.

I must say the honourable Chairman and the honourable Deputy Chairman were present in the House for any kind of consultation especially the Deputy Chairman was sitting in the House throughout the day, if not in the Chair, at least, in the Chamber. She was always available for any kind of consultation with hon. Members who would like to have.

Sometimes we got a feeling that the Opposition was very nicely and generously treated by you. But that was how it has to be. Unless you do that, it is difficult for you also to run the House. It is a matter which everyone should understand. Sometimes misunderstandings of this nature are being created. But I do not think that there is any scope for any misunderstanding of this nature. So, we express our special thanks to the Chairman and to you, Madam.

Shrimati Rama Devi has joined here as Secretary-General in this Secretariat. We saw the kind of work which she and her staff members were doing. In fact, they were working overtime here. I must thank all of them for the kind of cooperation that we have been getting from them. I thank all the Members including the Opposition Members, whether they are present here or not, for the kind of atmosphere which they have maintained so far. We hope that they would maintain the same atmosphere and will have perfect understanding in this House.

I have a feeling that our House has been doing well compared to Lok Sabha, though comparison is always not good. But I can say that we were able to overcome difficulties and create a peaceful atmosphere for having discussions not the *hullagulla* atmosphere which goes on sometimes. Sometimes our Members were also tempted to do the same thing. But sometimes we should have some kind of a trick by which you can bring them together and bring them to the table where we can possibly discuss all issues. In fact, we are very happy that we have never stopped any kind of discussion. All types of discussions were allowed freely in this House. Though the Government was in an awkward position sometimes, still, we did not feel that that discussion somehow should be stalled or should not be held at all. We have never allowed that kind of an atmosphere to be created in this House.

I must also express my thanks to Reporters, Doordarshan and all the people who are connected with reporting work for cooperating with us very well. I do not think, at least this time, any of the Members has raised the question that his speech was not reported properly either on the T.V. or by the media. Everybody seems to be satisfied. That is all the more reason why we should give special thanks to all of them who have cooperated with us. If anybody has been left out, I would like to express my thanks to them also. We go from here in a very good atmosphere. Madam, I agree with you that after this inter-session period, we should be able to come back with greater vigour....with greater vigour and contribute for the good of the nation and create a proper atmosphere wherein it should be felt by everybody that the Rajya Sabha has been playing a very

useful role. I again thank all the hon. Members.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We will have the "Vande Mataram" now I am sorry that the BJP is always not there.

(The National Song "Vande Mataram" was then played.)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Now, the house is adjourned *sine die*.

The House then adjourned *sine die* at thirty-six minutes past eight of the clock.

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